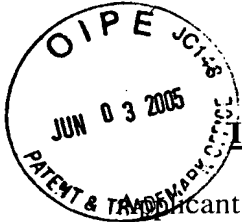


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INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated May 26, 2005 in the above-referenced application, applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the abandonment for the following reasons.

Said Notice indicates that applicant's reply received by the PTO on January 18, 2005 was not proper as indicated in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 7, 2005. The Examiner is hereby informed, however, that applicant DID respond to said Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment by mailing a revised response in a timely manner on February 16, 2005 and it was received by the PTO on February 23, 2005 according to a stamped response. A copy of the document mailed by applicant on February 16, 2005 and

the stamped response from the PTO is submitted herewith.

Withdrawal of the abandonment is therefore solicited such that applicant will be spared of the inconvenience of the filing of a petition to revive the application with the payment of a petition fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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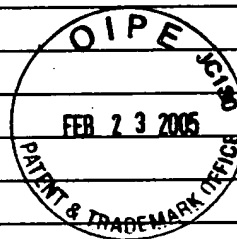
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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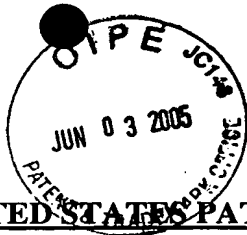
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicants believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ISHDP165D1).
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ISHDP165D1).

Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT "D"

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated February 7, 2005 in the above-referenced application, applicant amends the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~The packaging machine of claim 1~~ A packaging machine comprising:

a cylindrical chute;

means for bending an elongated bag-making film into a tubular form around said chute by mutually overlapping side edges of said film;

a heater unit for longitudinally sealing said mutually overlapping side edges of said film;

heater driving means for moving said heater unit between a sealing position at which said heater unit contacts said film and a retracted position at which said heater unit is separated from said chute; and

an air cylinder for controlling compressive force with which said heater unit at said sealing position compresses said film against said chute by having air of a specified pressure supplied thereto;

wherein said heater driving means includes another air cylinder.

Claims 4-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): ~~The packaging machine of claim 2~~ A packaging machine comprising:

a cylindrical chute;

means for bending an elongated bag-making film into a tubular form around said chute by mutually overlapping side edges of said film;

a heater unit for longitudinally sealing said mutually overlapping side edges of said film;

heater driving means for moving said heater unit between a sealing position at which said heater unit contacts said film and a retracted position at which said heater unit is

separated from said chute;

an air cylinder for controlling compressive force with which said heater unit at said sealing position compresses said film against said chute by having air of a specified pressure supplied thereto;

pressure regulating means for regulating air pressure supplied to said air cylinder to a specified pressure level; and

a controller for controllably varying said specified pressure level;

wherein said heater driving means includes another air cylinder.

Claims 19-20 (canceled).

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 18 currently remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5-17, 19 and 20 are canceled.

In response to said Office Communication, claims 6-17 are additionally presented as having been canceled. The undersigned attorney regrets having previously demonstrated a result of incomplete bookkeeping.

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